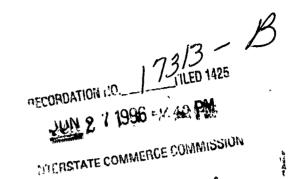


VIA AIR COURIER

June 26, 1996

Mr. Vernon Williams Recordations Unit Surface Transportation Board Department of Transportation 12th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20423



RE: Termination of Lease of Railroad Equipment dated as of June 1, 1996 ("Termination of Lease") by Helm Financial Corporation.

Dear Mr. Williams:

On behalf of Helm Financial Corporation, I submit for filing and recording, under 49 U.S.C. Section 11303(a) and the regulations promulgated thereunder the following document:

Three (3) fully executed originals of the Termination of Lease dated June 1, 1996 by Helm Financial Corporation.

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In connection with the recording of the Termination of Lease, please note the following information:

Name and Address of Lessor:

Helm Financial Corporation

One Embarcadero Center, Suite 3700

San Francisco, CA 94111

Name and Address of Lessee:

Southern Pacific Transportation Company

1515 Arapahoe Street, Suite 1311

Denver, CO 80202

Equipment:

Ninety-three (93), 100-ton covered gondola railcars (See Schedule

A for reporting mark and numbers.)

Previous ICC Filing:

Agreement of Sale and Assignment of Lease filed May 17, 1991 under

Recordation No. 17313

Please file the Termination of Lease as a supplementary document and return one (1) endorsed original to my attention. The filing fee of \$21.00 is included in the enclosed check.

Sincerely.

Chris Dilley

Administrative Assistant

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Enclosures

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD WASHINGTON, D.C. 20422-0001

6/27/96

Chris Dilley
Administrative Assistant
Helm Financial Corporation
One Embarcadero Center
San Francisco, CA., 94111

Dear Sir:

The enclosed document(s) was recorded pursuant to the provisions of Section 11303 of the Interstate Commerce Act, 49 U.S.C. 11303, on 6/27/96 at 12:40PM, and assigned recordation number(s). 17313-B, 19923-A, 20154, 20155, 20156, 20157, 20158 and 20159.

12 incerety yours,

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

Enclosure(s)

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TERMINATION OF LEASE

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THIS TERMINATION OF LEASE OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT ("Termination") is made as of June 1, 1996 by HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION, a California corporation ("Lessor").

1. Recitals. Lessor, as assignee of U.S. Railcar, Inc., entered into the Railroad Equipment Lease dated April 13, 1989, as amended (the "Lease"), with SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY with respect to the ninety-three (93) railcars described in Schedule A attached hereto (the "Units"). The Lease is on file at the Surface Transportation Board ("STB") under ICC Recordation Number 17313 filed on May 17, 1991 at 3:05 PM, and ICC Recordation Number 17313-A filed on February 2, 1993 at 3:00 PM.

The Lease was terminated on December 31, 1994. The purpose of this Termination of Lease is to provide a formal termination document for filing with the STB.

2. <u>Termination</u>. The Lease is hereby formally terminated.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Lessor, pursuant to due corporate authority, has caused this Termination of Lease to be signed in its corporate name on the date indicated below its signature.

HELM FINANCIAL CORPORATION

Pr/int Name: Richard C. Kirchner

Title: President

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instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

SIGNATURE OF THE NOTARY

[Notarial Seal]

the instrument.

CHRIS DILLEY
Commission # 1083804
Notary Public — California
San Francisco County
My Comm. Expires Jan 21, 2000

SCHEDULE A

To the Termination of Lease dated as of June 1, 1996.

<u>Description of the Units:</u>

Ninety-three (93), 100-ton covered gondola railcars.

Old Reporting Marks: PLE

New Reporting Marks: ATW

<u>Unit Numbers</u>: 44000-44004, 44006-44014, 44016, 44017, 44020-44022, 44035, 44300-44302, 44304, 44306-44308, 44310, 44312, 44314, 44316, 44317, 44319-44323, 44325-44327, 44329, 44331, 44332, 44334-44339, 44342-44344, 44348,44351-44354, 44357-44361, 44365,44370, 44371, 44373, 44376, 44377, 44380-44382, 44384-44387, 44390-44394, 44396-44402, 44409, 44418, 44419, 44422-44424.